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SUBJ: LIKELY REPERCUSSIONS OF UAW STRIKE ON CANADA

1. IN WAKE OF UAW STRIKE AGAINST FORD IN U.S. LAYOFFS AMONG 14,000 FORD CANADA WORKERS DUE TO PARTS SHORTAGES LIKELY TO COMMENCE WITHIN FIVE TO SEVEN DAYS. ACCORDING TO AUTOMOTIVE PARTS MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, LENGTHY WORK STOPPAGE IN U.S. WOULD CAUSE SHUTDOWNS AND LAYOFFS AMONG SOME 43,000 CANADIAN PRODUCTION WORKERS. UAW CANADA CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS WITH FORD ON NON-MONETARY ISSUES AND EXPECTS NEGOTIATION EMPHASIS TO SWITCH TO FORD CANADA AFTER AGREEMENT IS REACHED IN U.S. NO STRIKE DEADLINE SET BY UAW CANADA.

2. IF FACED WITH LAYOFFS CANADIAN FORD EMPLOYEES WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR MAXIMUM 95 PERCENT OF NET WAGES (AFTER TAXES) COMPOSED OF FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLUS CONTRACTUAL SUPPLEMENTARY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (SUB). IN VIEW OF CANADIAN PRICE AND WAGE CONTROLS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT UAW PRESIDENT WOODCOCK HAS REPEATEDLY STATED (AND UAW CANADIAN VICE PRESIDENT MCDERMOTT RECENTLY EMPHASIZED TO US) THAT AUTO UNION WILL NOT SIGN AGREEMENT HERE OR IN U.S. WITHOUT PRIOR ASSURANCE THAT FORD WILL IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT TERMS OF CONTRACT WITHOUT AWAITING APPROVAL BY ANTI-INFLATION BOARD. RETENTION OF U.S.-CANADIAN

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